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OCTOBER 2014

ABC's Moonshine Task Force Celebrates First Anniversary



Members of the ABC Board's Moonshine Task Force are (From Left to Right) Jason Powell, Geoffrey Owens, Mike Murphy, Brandon Blanton, and Craig Shook. (Robbie Barton is pictured on page 2, second from the left.)

By just about any measure, the last year was a very successful period for members of the ABC Board's Moonshine Task Force.

Over that period, the now six-man team found and destroyed 27 stills, with 307 barrels of mash, which were capable of producing more than \$3.8 million worth of illegal spirits over the course of a year. They confiscated 480 gallons of moonshine. And, they found

and destroyed 409 marijuana plants.

Chasing criminals through the thick woods and muddy creeks all across Alabama is more than a job for the members of the Moonshine Task Force, it's a passion.

"We enjoy being in the outdoors and working in the woods,"

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said Agent Jason Powell. “I enjoy the fact that we are working cases that others don’t work a lot of or know a lot about. We have a great group of guys on the MTF to work with everyday.”

Powell, Robbie Barton, Brandon Blanton, Mike Murphy, Geoffrey Owens, and Craig Shook spend their days following criminals down dusty trails, muddy creeks, and through pine thickets and the backwoods of rural Alabama.

“I’m still surprised at the number of younger people involved in producing moonshine,” said Geoffrey Owens. “Some have grown up making whisky but others have gotten into the business because of the demand for moonshine and the money that can be made.”

“One of the biggest surprises to me is that moonshine and the cultivation of marijuana seem to go hand in hand,” said Robbie Barton. “If you find a moonshine still in a area, there may be marijuana close by.”

“I’m amazed that the public’s view is that it’s not hurting anyone and we should leave them alone,” Craig Shook said.

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After 12 months of chasing moonshiners and pouring out their illegally made spirits, MTF members agree that drinking the stuff is hazardous.

“There is no way that I would even consider drinking most of the moonshine that we encounter,” said Powell. “It is in no way regulated and doesn’t comply with health regulations. We have seen a lot of dead animals and bugs in the mash. We have also seen a lot of unclean water sources being used in the production of the moonshine. Unless you have seen the operation, you have no idea what you are drinking.”



“The public doesn’t get to see what we come across,” said Shook. “Still sites being feed from creeks containing raw sewage, dead animals. You name it. We destroy the shine.”

As for the moonshiners, MTF members have some sage advice.

“Just because you haven’t seen us, doesn’t mean we don’t know who you are,” said Powell.

“My parting advice would be, sooner or later we will meet if you don’t stop,” said Barton.

“You won’t see us until it’s too late,” warned Mike Murphy.







Moonshine Task Force Stats To Date

Stills

10/23/13	Lowndes County	10 barrels
11/19	Barbour County	5 barrels
11/21	Macon County	20 barrels
12/10	Russell County	45 barrels
12/11	Coffee County	18 barrels
12/18	Lowndes County	15 barrels
01/7/14	Barbour County	4 barrels
01/9	Coffee County	1 barrel
01/10	Lowndes County	11 barrels
03/3	Russell County	8 barrels
03/7	Bullock County	15 barrels
03/14	Lowndes County	8 barrels
04/08	Lowndes County	19 barrels
04/8	Lowndes County	15 barrels
04/17	Lowndes County	10 barrels
05/02	Bullock County	8 barrel
05/13	Barbour County	18 barrels
05/17	Houston County	1 barrel
05/20	Montgomery Co.	1 barrel
05/26	Elmore County	1 barrel
05/26	Coosa County	2 barrels
05/27	Bullock County	24 barrels
06/16	Barbour County	4 barrels
06/27	Barbour County	4 barrels
07/03	Clay County	20 barrels
07/06	Montgomery	7 barrels
07/20	Bullock County	13 barrels

307 barrels containing 16,885 gallons of mash (beer) destroyed, which is capable of producing 2,412 gallons of moonshine a week; Street value is \$72,364.00 a week.

Seized Moonshine

480 gallons of moonshine have been seized with a street value of \$14,400.00.

Undercover Purchases

10/31/13	Covington County	15 gallons
01/15/14	Covington County	40 gallons

Marijuana Plants

05/28/14	Bullock County	1 plant
06/7	Coosa County	107 plants
06/10	Bullock County	10 plants
06/20	Clarke & Wilcox	16 plants
07/10	Pike County	213 plants
07/17	Bullock County	10 plants
07/22	Pike County	52 plants

Cases Made by Task Force

Possession of a still (felony)	8 arrests
Possession of moonshine	5 arrests
Selling without a license	2 arrests
Trans. 5 gallons or more (felony)	3 arrests
Possession of Marijuana	3 arrest
Possession of Prohibited Beverages	1 arrest

ABC Board Helps Support North Alabama Domestic Violence Unit

Being a good steward of state resources is paramount to the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. So, when the agency was asked to assist an organization that helps protect victims of domestic violence, ABC Administrator Mac Gipson and Assistant Administrator William Thigpen jumped at the opportunity.

State Representative Johnny Mack Morrow, D-Red Bay, recently approached Gipson and Thigpen about the possibility of providing some badly needed transportation for the Lauderdale County Domestic Violence Unit. "I knew that because of its mission, the ABC Board had to upgrade its fleet by taking some cars out of service," said Rep. Morrow. "I knew that Mac and William would help, if the could."

Gipson and Thigpen were quick to help. "I would much rather help an agency that is hurting or has a need," said Gipson. "This just seemed like the right thing to do," he said.

"We knew that this was one small way we could help," said Thigpen.



ABC Board Administrator Mac Gipson and Assistant Administrator William Thigpen join Rep. Johnny Mac Morrow (far right) for the formal presentation at the University of North Alabama.



ABC's Mac Gipson and William Thigpen pose for a photograph with Rep. Johnny Mac Morrow, UNA President William Cale and representatives of the Lauderdale County Domestic Violence Unit.

ABC Store #175 Opens to Rave Reviews

Alabama ABC Store #175 officially opened its door on September 16, 2014. The new modern, fresh style was an immediate hit.

Creating a friendlier, warmer, and more inviting shopping experience for our retail customers was the mission. The store features more windows than normal and the shelf backing was adjusted to a wire grid-like pattern to allow the natural light to shine through the store.

A redesigned log sign was installed, a revised checkout counter was designed, allowing more registers. A centrally located and raised manager's office, with all security and office functions built in eliminated the need to go to into the back room to review video or count money. The store layout was opened up to improve traffic flow and lines of sight, so store staff can better watch customers.

Display "PODS" were built that included up to four premium brands that help draw the consumer to the displays making them more effective and increasing the register ring. End-cap gondolas like you would find in a grocery store were purchased, providing eighteen more display locations



that help promote drink recipe's, hot brands, and display multiple brands without having to stack boxes and create bottlenecks.

An LED back-lighted innovation center highlights new brands offered in the State, as well as showcases more premium selections. The Point of Sale provided by the Brokers is far more upscale, speaking to the customer's subliminal purchasing factors.

No posters, wall clings, branded ceiling lights or floor stickies were used, allowing the design of the store, as well as the alignment of the product on the shelf, to act as a silent sales person. Every aesthetic value was considered in order to provide a more relaxed yet premium shopping experience.

We hope that if you are in Montgomery you will swing by to see the progress.



Preparing Store #175 for its Grand Opening





November Birthday

November 2

Nick Ketter, Product Management

Michael Duke, Enforcement

Melanie Carter, Store #53

Laura Carriveau, Store #84

Breneshia Martin, Store #183

November 3

Steven Johnson, Store #41

Leola Washington, Store #60

November 4

Stan Ray, Enforcement

November 5

John McCree, Warehouse

Brandon Atkinson, Warehouse

Milton Franklin , Store #58

Pat Hemme, Accounting

LaToya Howard, Store #192

November 6

Fred Hutcherson, Enforcement

November 7

Benedict D. Morrison II, Store #62

Walt Shaw, Store #26

Tara Jackson, Store #120

November 8

Shun Cunningham, Store #66

November 9

Deontae Cox, Enforcement

November 10

Clevester Maloy, Warehouse

Jason Ballard, Enforcement

November 11

Sue Sanders, Enforcement

Bruce Wells, Store #67

Tameka Thomas, Store #86

Robin Watts, Store #82

November 12

Teresa Lovelace, Retiree

Debra Dixon, Store #192

November 13

Andre Miller, Store #92

Brandy Moody, Store #19

November 14

Rodney Perry, Warehouse

Louis Presley, Store #87

Linda Towns, Store #32



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November 15

Scott Powell, Enforcement

November 16

Lisa Boswell, Store #102

Nicki Watson, D#10—Supervisor

Keith Melton, Store #63

November 17

Deonta Shakelford, Warehouse

Kay Plant, Enforcement

Frances Tate, Floater D#4

Tom Floyd, Store #36

November 18

Alfie Nevett, Store #14

November 19

Jeffery Brandon, Store 153

November 20

Janet Geddie, Stores

Lennie Spencer, Store #142

November 21

Lisa Yarbrough, Store #66

November 22

Mac Gipson, Administrator

Robin McKee, Enforcement

Delisa Wallace, Floater D#7

November 23

Tim Talbott, Enforcement

Lyndia D. Sashington, Store #181

Joseph Harrison, Store #84

November 24

Bill Jameson, Enforcement

Kelvin Cunningham, Store #41

November 25

Robbie Barton, Enforcement

Michelle Walpole, Store #142

November 26

Steven Dean, Store #53

Tereasa Terry, Store #153

November 27

Chris Mackey, Enforcement

November 29

Cindy Byrd, Store #150



October 2

Nikki Love, Store #88

October 8

Paul Young, Store #175

October 19

Sharon Easterling, Store #1

October 22

Morgan McCarver, Store #175

October 24

Lonny Hickman, Store #72

October 29

Steven Griffin, Store #175

October 31

Marvin Oden, Store #175



Congratulations on your Promotion!

Patty McDonald, Stores Supervisor D#12

Joe Watson, Stores Supervisor D#2

Samuel Galloway, Manager I—Store #150

J. Blake Wilford, Manager I—Store #176

Terri Stinson, Manager II—Store #31

Jimmy Peters, Sales Associate II—Store #127

Freddie Hubbard, Sales Associate II—Store #96



Let's welcome our new hires to the ABC Board

Margo Foster, Sales Associate—Store # 64

Ebony Williams, Sales Associate—Store #19

Janet Reese, Sales Associate—Store #31

John Seale, Sales Associate—Store #31

Melanie Neucal, Sales Associate II—Store #31

Tammy Mabon, Sales Associate—Store #59

Jasmine Greathouse, Sales Associate Temp—Store #31

Dana Barlow, Sales Associate—Store #4

Jalen Osborne, Sales Associate Temp—Store #4

Talia Ash, Sales Associate—Store #102

Roshunda Steward, Store #11

Rachal McNamara, Store #12

Kendra McCall, Store #72



Congratulations on your Retirement!

Terry Robinson, Store 051

Pat Chaney, ASA I—Birmingham

Hattie Harris, Store #72

Hilmer Harris, Store #43

Michael Downing, Store #54

Carolyn Rawls, Store #40

Michelle Majors, Accounting

We love to hear from Customers/Employee of exceptional service they receive from our ABC Stores. We recently received an email from Elaine that works in one of our stores in the Birmingham area ... While she was visiting the Montgomery area she visited our Store at Eastchase and sent us an email about the excellent service she received from Lee Harrison. She stated that she received wonderful customer service and that Mr. Harrison seemed to really enjoy his job.



THANKS LEE FOR DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB!



Lynn and Morris have new desk.. Looking good guys...

Information Technology



**Congratulations Matthew Morse,
Information Technology on the birth of
your son:**

Griffin Warren Morse

Birth date: 9/1/14

Weight: 8 lbs 7 oz

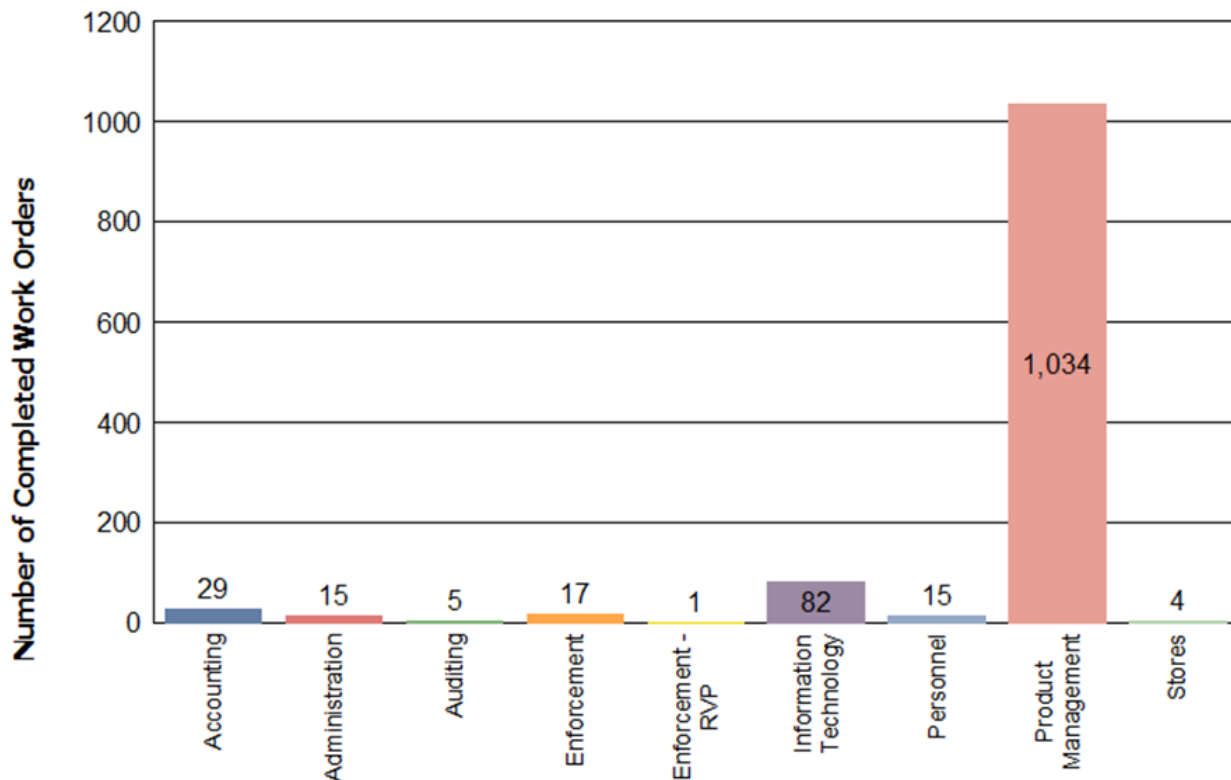
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Completed Work Orders by Department

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AABC – Account and Password Management

Policy 623-02-AABC: Authentication and management of AABC Accounts and Passwords

1. INTRODUCTION:

**AABC users must manage their network and email accounts and
corresponding**

**passwords using the Alabama Finance Department Information
Services Division (ISD)**

**uManage service (<https://umanage.alabama.gov/>) to reset passwords.
Utilizing the**

**uManage service, users can uniquely identify themselves and verify
their identity with**

**one or more authentication factors to manage their network and email
accounts.**

2. OBJECTIVE:

**Define requirements necessary to meet State of Alabama and AABC
requirements,**

**ensuring accounts and passwords are managed and secured based
on user validation and identity through the uManage on-line service.**

SCOPE:

This Account and Password Management Policy applies to all individuals (State of

Alabama employees – central office and stores personnel, contractors, vendors,

business partners, etc.) responsible for developing all production applications and

application components including (but not limited to) client-server applications, Web based

applications, database applications, and application source code supported/administered/utilized by AABC.

4. REQUIREMENTS:**4.1 Account and Password Management.**

Policy: Ensure network and email accounts supported/administered/utilized by AABC

meet the level of security and access control that is appropriate to the confidentiality,

integrity, availability, and inherent risk to the data being processed.

AABC personnel that utilize network resources through network and email accounts established and managed by AABC—IT and ISD shall use the uManage on-line service to uniquely identify themselves

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to change their password in order to meet the level of security and access control as stated herein, in accordance with the State-approved security configuration standards. To ensure compliance with these security and access controls, under no circumstances will password information be provided outside this method by AABC—IT support without authorization by the ABC Information Security Officer.

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5. DEFINITIONS:

AABC – Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control

ISD – Alabama Department of Finance | Information Services Division

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

6.1 POLICY

State of Alabama/ISD Policy: [Policy 600: Information Security](#)

State of Alabama/ISD Policy: [Policy 621: Network & System Access](#)

State of Alabama/ISD Policy: [Policy 623: Authentication](#)

7. DOCUMENT HISTORY:

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Football
Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Score
08/30/14	Arkansas	Jordan-Hare	45-21 (W)
09/06/14	San Jose State	Jordan-Hare	59-13 (W)
09/13/14	Open		
09/18/14	Kansas State	Manhattan, KS	20-14 (W)
09/27/14	Louisiana Tech	Jordan-Hare	45-17 (W)
10/04/14	LSU	Jordan-Hare	41-7 (W)
10/11/14	Mississippi St.	Starkville, MS	
10/18/14	Open		
10/25/14	South Carolina	Jordan-Hare	
11/01/14	Ole Miss	Oxford, MS	
11/08/14	Texas A&M	Jordan-Hare	
11/15/14	Georgia	Athens, GA	
11/22/14	Samford	Jordan-Hare	
11/29/14	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	
12/06/14	SEC Championship	Georgia Dome Atlanta, GA	



Alabama

2014

Football

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Score
08/30/14	W. Virginia	Atlanta, GA	33-23 (W)
09/06/14	Florida Atlantic	Bryant-Denny	41-0 (W)
09/13/14	Southern Miss	Bryant-Denny	52-12 (W)
09/20/14	Florida	Bryant-Denny	42-21 (W)
09/27/14	Open		
10/04/14	Ole Miss	Oxford, MS	17-23 (L)
10/11/14	Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR	
10/18/14	Texas A&M	Bryant-Denny	
10/25/14	Tennessee	Knoxville, TN	
11/01/14	Open		
11/08/14	LSU	Baton Rouge	
11/15/14	Mississippi St	Bryant-Denny	
11/22/14	Western Carolina	Bryant-Denny	
11/29/14	Auburn	Bryant-Denny	
12/06/14	SEC Championship	Georgia Dome Atlanta, GA	



NATIONAL APPLE MONTH



An Overview of the U.S. Apple Industry

The United States has approximately 7,500 apple producers who grow nearly 100 varieties of apples on approximately 363,000 acres.

The 2013 crop estimate, at 246.5 million bushels, was the twelfth-largest apple crop since the U.S. Department of Agriculture began keeping statistics on commercial apple production. The total farm-gate revenue of the U.S. apple crop is more than \$2.5 billion each year. Apples are grown commercially in 32 states and the top ten apple producing states are:

- Washington
- New York
- Michigan
- Pennsylvania
- California
- Virginia
- North Carolina
- Oregon
- Ohio
- Idaho

67 percent of the U.S. crop is grown for fresh consumption and 33 percent goes for processing, including juice and fresh slices.

Favorite Varieties of Apples

The United States grows nearly 100 varieties of apples in commercial production. There are also numerous “heirloom” varieties grown in backyards and also commercially for “niche” markets. The top ten apple varieties grown in the United States are:

- *Red Delicious*
- *Gala*
- *Golden Delicious*
- *Fuji*
- *Granny Smith*
- *McIntosh*
- *Honeycrisp*
- *Rome*
- *Empire*

A Global Perspective

The United States is the world’s second largest producer of apples, behind the People’s Republic of China. Poland, Italy and France rank third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Approximately one out of every four fresh apples grown in the United States is exported. Fresh exports from the 2012 U.S. apple crop totaled a record 46.7 million bushels. The value of U.S. fresh-apple exports from the 2012 crop also set a record at \$1,157.9 million. The top ten export markets for U.S. grown apples in 2012 were:

- Mexico
- Canada
- Taiwan
- Indonesia
- India
- Hong Kong
- United Arab Emirates
- Thailand
- Columbia
- Saudi Arabia

The United States also imports fresh apples, predominately from the Southern Hemisphere, to keep grocery store shelves stocked from March to July. Approximately six percent of fresh apples consumed in the U.S. are imported. The top sources of imports are

- Chile
- New Zealand
- Canada

Maple-Walnut Apple Crisp



Maple-Walnut Apple Crisp

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup regular oats
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chilled butter or stick margarine, cut into small pieces
- 3 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- 7 cups sliced peeled Rome apple (about 3 pounds)
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preparation

Preheat oven to 375°.

Lightly spoon flour into a dry measuring cup; level with a knife. Combine flour, sugar, oats, and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon in a medium bowl; cut in butter with a pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture is crumbly. Stir in walnuts.

Combine apple and remaining ingredients in a large bowl; toss well. Spoon apple mixture into an 8-inch square baking dish or 1 1/2-quart casserole. Sprinkle with crumb mixture. Bake at 375° for 45 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm

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Store Personnel should contact their District Supervisor!

**If you have any questions please do not hesitate to
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